
SENATE COMMITTEE ON EDUCATION

Senator Connie Leyva, Chair

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Bill No: AB 413 **Hearing Date:** June 5, 2019
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Subject: Education: at-promise youth.

NOTE: This bill has been referred to the Committees on Education and Public Safety. A "do pass" motion should include referral to the Committee on Public Safety.

SUMMARY

This bill changes the term "at-risk" to "at-promise" in various sections of the Education Code and Penal Code.

BACKGROUND

Existing law references at-risk students in various sections of the Education Code and Penal Code, including but not limited to:

- 1) Defines "at-risk" student as a student enrolled in high school who is at risk of dropping out of school, as indicated by specified criteria. (Education Code § 54690)
- 2) Defines "at-risk" youth as individuals from age 5 to 20 years of age and who fall into one or more specified categories. (Penal Code § 13825.4)

ANALYSIS

This bill changes the term "at-risk" to "at-promise" in various sections of the Education Code and Penal Code, relative to:

- 1) The requirement that the California Department of Education (CDE) monitor adherence to statute and regulations regarding educational equity. (EC § 234.1)
- 2) Reimbursement rates for child care and development programs. (EC § 8266.1)
- 3) The selection of grantees to participate in the 21st Century High School After School Safety and Enrichment for Teens program. (EC § 8423)
- 4) The Health Start Support Services for Children Act. (EC § 8801)
- 5) Middle college high schools. (EC § 11300)
- 6) The California Youth Leadership Project. (EC § 33426)

- 7) Foster Youth Services. (EC § 42920)
- 8) A field experience program as part of a program of professional preparation for a teaching or services credential. (EC § 44324)
- 9) Professional development training for classified school employees. (EC § 45391)
- 10) Community day schools. (EC § 48660.1)
- 11) Model gang violence suppression and substance abuse prevention curriculum. (EC § 51266)
- 12) Partnership academies. (EC § 54690)
- 13) California Longitudinal Pupil Achievement Data System. (EC § 60901)
- 14) Golden State Scholarshare College Savings Trust. (EC § 69981)
- 15) The Robert Presley Institute of Corrections Research and Training. (PC § 5087)
- 16) Board of State and Community Corrections. (PC § 6025 and § 6027)
- 17) California Gang, Crime, and Violence Prevention Partnership Program. (PC § 13825.2, § 13825.4, and § 13825.5)
- 18) Gang Violence Suppression Program. (PC § 13826.11)
- 19) Comprehensive Alcohol and Drug Prevention Education component of the Suppression of Drug Abuse in Schools Program. (PC § 13864)
- 20) Provides that “at-promise” has the same meaning as “at-risk.”
- 21) Deletes obsolete references and makes other technical changes.

STAFF COMMENTS

- 1) **Need for the bill.** According to the author, “Perception plays an important role in the success or failure of students. As a result of the stigma created through the use of ‘at-risk,’ these students are subjected to an expectation to fail and can be treated as such. Transitioning from ‘at-risk youth’ to ‘at-promise youth’ is an important step in eliminating the biased mindset that is too pervasive in schools and communities across the country.”
- 2) **Double-referred.** This bill has been double-referred to the Senate Public Safety Committee, as this bill also amends the Penal Code.
- 3) **Prior legislation.** ACR 197 (Jones-Sawyer, Chapter 106, 2018) encourages the people of the State of California to recognize the potential and possibilities of our children, instead of focusing on their deficits.

SUPPORT

Los Angeles County Office of Education (co-sponsor)
SIATech (co-sponsor)

OPPOSITION

California Right to Life Committee, Inc.

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